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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-7) without traverse.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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